

News of Rambhibai Karsan Modhwani (Maaji)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our dear Rambhibai (Maaji) of Loughborough and London left her body on Saturday 13th May. She was aged 96.

Rambhibai was born in Bharvada, Gujarat near Porbandar, the eldest of 6 children. At the age of three she moved to Madagascar. After returning to India she married at age 20 to Karsanbhai who was serving in the Indian army. In 1950 she moved to Uganda (following her husband who moved there in 1942). They had six children (three girls and three boys).

When the family went through difficulties Maaji became very involved in supporting Karsanbhai in the business and also managed to give a very loving and comfortable life to their 6 children. Karsanbhai along with his community's help was accumulating funds to build a school in his village in India. And one evening in 1969, Karsanbhai's own servants attacked him with a machete for this money. Maaji intervened to protect her husband and was struck on the head a few times and nearly lost her life. Covered in blood and with wounds on her head, she stood up to the attackers, at which point they retreated and fled the scene.

In 1970 the family moved back to India. By 1973 the whole family came to the UK. In 1976, Maaji's second to eldest son Sanatbhai introduced BK Kandhubhai of Leicester to the family. Karsanbhai instructed his whole family and neighbours to take the Raja Yoga course. Karsanbhai, Maaji and Manibhen became regular students and were in close connection with Dadi Janki, Sudesh Didi and Jayantiben in London. This was the first family in the whole

Rajput community to come to the Brahma Kumaris. A little later, Karsanbhai moved to India to serve the community there and visited UK now and again. Karsanbhai left the body in India in 2012.

A BK Loughborough centre was opened in 1977 and Maaji and Maniben lived and served there. 1986 was a turning point when new sisters came to run the BK centre in Loughborough. Maaji spent her time between London and Loughborough. She was asked to join the London centre in 1988 and after a lot of persuasion, Maaji came to London to live full time at Tennyson Road.

From the beginning and throughout her stay in London, Maaji was a very pukka and regular student, she was very enthusiastic and would not miss out on any BK event charming her way to the front seat every time. She served a lot in the kitchen. She was absolutely tireless and very hard working. Maaji continued in this way in until she had a fall in 2009. Undeterred by her disability, she continued to help in the kitchen whilst using her zimmer frame. In the last two and a half years, her health really deteriorated and she was physically unable to continue her duties and came to live in Global Co-operation House. She was exceptionally well cared for by her boundlessly loving carers from her lokik family and the BK family.

Maaji has given a lot of happiness to all of the family. Single-handedly Maaji passionately introduced Baba's knowledge to all five generations of her family. Maaji was religious throughout her whole life and when she was received Baba's knowledge, Baba became her world.

The final farewell for Maaji will take place on Thursday 18th May.

At 1.00pm the chariot of Maaji will come to Diamond House for the ceremonies.

At 3.00pm the funeral service will take place at Golders Green Crematorium:

Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11 7NL

We send all our good wishes and love, in Baba's remembrance to such a special soul.

***In Baba's yaad,
BK Jayanti***